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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:AFIN, PFOR, US, CE

SUBJECT:DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR

-----KANAKARATNE

REF: A) COLOMBO 1464; B) STATE 106790

1. DEPUTY ASST. SECY. DUBS CALLED IN CEYLONese AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE MAY 8 TO FOLLOW UP ON REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN COLOMBO BY AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN PROTESTING PERERA ALLEGATIONS. MEETING WAS LOW-KEY AND FRIENDLY IN TONE WITH DUBS, HOWEVER, FIRM IN REFUTING "PATENTLY FALSE" CHARGES OF U.S. FINANCIAL OR OTHER SUPPORT FOR OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES IN SRI LANKA. IN HANDING OVER TO KANAKARATNE TEXT OF EMBASSY STATEMENT ON BANK WITHDRAWAL ISSUE DUBS OBSERVED THAT FALSE ACCUSATIONS COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS ALTHOUGH OUR INTEREST WAS IN MAINTAINING GOOD TIES. DUBS SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY PERSISTENCE OF PUBLIC CHARGES EVEN AFTER WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED TO GSL OFFICIALS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GSL WOULD ACT TO COUNTER SUCH ALLEGATIONS AND THAT FALSE CHARGES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

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2. KANAKARATNE REPLIED THAT HE HAD BECOME AWARE OF CHARGES ONLY ON PREVIOUS EVENING AND THEN ONLY FROM SRI LANKA PRESS BUT THAT MDFA HAD SINCE INFORMED HIM OF TEXT OF U.S. EMBASSY

REBUTTAL AND OF AMB. VAN HOLLEN'S MAY 8 CALL ON ACTING PM SENANAYEKE. IN CONCILIATORY TONE KANAKARATNE SPECULATED THAT PERERA, PUZZLED BY "PATTERN OF WITHDRAWAL ... CEASED BEING FINANCE MINISTER AND BECAME A POLITICIAN." WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING EARLIER PROBLEMS WITH OUT-OF-TURN REMARKS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY CABINET MINISTERS KANAKARATNE STRESSED MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S UNDIVIDED AUTHORITY OVER FOREIGN POLICY. HE CONCEDED THAT, IF ACCURATELY REPORTED, PERERA'S STATEMENTS WERE "UNFORTUNATE AND NOT CALCULATED TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP, ESPECIALLY AT PRESENT TIME OF WARM RELATIONS." KANAKARATNE NOTED THAT HE WOULD REPORT DEPARTMENT'S DEMARCHE TO COLOMBO; AT NO POINT DID HE RESPOND TO SPECIFICS OF DUBS' PRESENTATION, AVOIDING FOR EXAMPLE DISCUSSION OF SUGGESTED DENIAL STATEMENT BY GSL. HE ALSO DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF JUNE 1966 LETTERS ON RUPEE DEPOSIT GUIDELINES. KISSINGER

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